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TWO MEXICAN NATIONALS INDICTED FOR TRANSPORTING ILLEGAL ALIENS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Mexican nationals were indicted by a federal grand jury today for transporting illegal aliens within the United States.

Francisco Figueroa-Salas, 35, and **Manuel Figueroa-Salas**, 27, both Mexican nationals, were charged in a five-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Counts One through Four of the federal indictment allege that **Francisco Figueroa-Salas** and **Manuel Figueroa-Salas** transported four illegal aliens within the United States on April 4, 2005, in Jackson County, Mo.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Francisco Figueroa-Salas** was found unlawfully inside the United States on April 4, 2005, in Jackson County.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheryle L. Jeans. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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